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TO : Chief, IDW

DATE: 6 December 1951

FROM : Chief ☐ ☒

SUBJECT: GENERAL - Operational

SPECIFIC: Activities of Otto SKORZENY

1. On 5 December 1951 Major Robert B. Bieck, Assistant Air Attaché, informed ☐ that Otto SKORZENY is planning another trip to Germany. For the first time in SKORZENY's travels, he is apparently having difficulty in getting a visa to enter Germany. Other details regarding the present activities of SKORZENY are included in the attached memorandum from Major Bieck.
2. Bieck was asked regarding any new developments in the alleged penetration of the various High Commissioners offices in Germany by Soviet agents. To this Bieck replied that SKORZENY had mentioned that this operation cannot continue to go on indefinitely due to a lack of funds. Although SKORZENY did not apparently ask directly for financial aid, it was nevertheless strongly implied. SKORZENY did not show Major Bieck any additional information allegedly coming from the penetration, and presumably has received none recently. SKORZENY expects that on his next trip to Germany he will receive additional information regarding this operation.
3. Bieck also mentioned the fact that SKORZENY is afraid of an organization run by General GEHLEN (fnu). GEHLEN is a German officer who, according to SKORZENY, is an active collaborator with both the U.S. OIG and CID. Bieck is not completely clear as to why SKORZENY fears the organization headed by General GEHLEN, but he is presumably afraid of some of GEHLEN's assistants and not GEHLEN himself who, according to SKORZENY is a gentleman.
4. According to Bieck, the SKORZENYs seemed happier to him in their last meeting on 4 December than they have ever been. Major Bieck has concluded that their lightheartedness is probably due to the fact that some money will be forthcoming shortly from one source or another. Bieck ventured that it might be that SKORZENY expects some financial returns from his contact with the industrialists mentioned in the attached memorandum. In speaking of industrialists, Bieck also mentioned that SKORZENY expected to meet an important industrialist from Venezuela at the Barajas airport on 4 December, but that the expected industrialist did not arrive.

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5. SKORZENY also informed Major Bieck at their last meeting that he had recently conferred with General Agustin ~~MAC~~ <sup>MAC</sup> ~~GRANDES~~, Minister of the Army, regarding his plan to set up a "hard core cadre" in Spain.
6. Comments: [ ] continues to press Bieck to procure from SKORZENY actual copies of the product of the alleged penetration of the High Commissioners offices in Germany. Bieck agrees to continue efforts to get this information.

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Office of the Air Attaché

The American Embassy  
Madrid, Spain  
5 December 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: [ ]

FROM: Major Black

SUBJECT: Further Activities of Otto Skorzeny

1. Last night, Otto Skorzeny and his wife called at my home. The purpose of the visit, as near as I can make out, was to inform me that both he and his wife are planning another journey to Germany. Ilse will depart on Thursday for Stuttgart and Cologne via aircraft. Skorzeny, himself, will, in all probability, have to wait perhaps another week before he, too, can make the journey. It seems that he is now having his problems obtaining a German visa. Apparently the Germans, due to their new setup, retained the right of visas. Skorzeny is undoubtedly on a caution list and full approval must be obtained from Bonn prior to giving him the visa. As near as I can tell, this trip involved meeting big steel industrialists and construction people in Cologne and other cities of Germany. From what Ilse let on, last night, they do have an exceptionally big deal in the offing and with any degree of success, they can make a killing.

2. I have referred to you in the past of one Leon Degralle, the famous or infamous Belgian Fascist. I believe that one of the offices of our Embassy has been greatly interested in the past as to his whereabouts. I believe he is still wanted by the Belgian Government for his nefarious activities with the Germans during the War. This man is definitely living in or very near Sevilla, the Skorzeny's having seen him only several days ago. Another interesting development is our flighty little friend, the Red Duchess of Valencia, is madly in love with Degralle, who is not having any. For your information, Degralle is coming to Madrid about the 15th of December and at that time I plan to meet him. Skorzeny is still definitely interested in "talking to somebody."

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